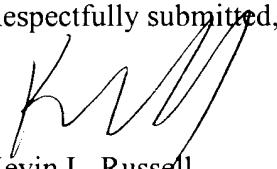


33. The probing device of claim 27 wherein said second interconnecting conductor is substantially coplanar with said second one and said first one.
34. The probing device of claim 27 wherein said second interconnecting conductor is substantially coplanar with said third one.
35. The probing device of claim 27 wherein said first one provides a force signal.
36. The probing device of claim 35 wherein said second one provides a sense signal.
37. The probing device of claim 35 wherein said fourth one provides a guard signal.

REMARKS

New claims have been added.

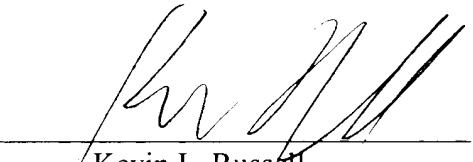
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